

ABSTRACT

1 An improved method and system for cleaning a cylinder
2 of a printing press. One method involves soaking a strip of
3 cleaning fabric on a press with a low volatility organic compound
4 solvent. Excess solvent, if any, is removed to place the strip
5 of cleaning fabric in functional equilibrium with the solvent.
6 The cleaning fabric is then used to clean a cylinder.
7 Alternatively, the strip of cleaning fabric is soaked on site by
8 contacting the strip of cleaning fabric with the solvent and
9 wrapping the strip of cleaning fabric into a cleaning fabric
10 supply roll. The cleaning fabric is then brought in engagement
11 with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without
12 disposing a sleeve around the fabric roll and without
13 substantially disturbing the distribution of the solvent in the
14 fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of
15 the fabric.